

TURKEY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 24, 2012

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM

Present: Timothy Santry, Greg Berthiaume, Donna Celuzza, Kim Thomas, and Heidi Champagne

Results Process

- During faculty meetings monthly, we look at data generated by MCAS tests – item analysis – to determine trends and how to address the needs of individual students. We're developing lessons to be taught during intervention blocks with homogeneous groupings to help students become successful in both MCAS and classroom curriculum.
- Science scores were somewhat stagnant. Earth 6th, Life 7th, Physical 8th
- Quia.com you can link to your content area. Develops a game that can be used to review concepts.

MCAS Schedule

Week of March 19 and 26

7th Grade ELA long comp and multiple choice

6th Grade ELA multiple choice

8th grade ELA multiple choice

Project 351

Josephine Bowen went to the state house to listen to the governor and lieutenant governor. She went to the Dorchester Boys and Girls club. She cut and stitched baby blankets for families from the area. She will present to the school committee next Wednesday. She had a positive experience.

Geography Bee Winner

Celia Wilkins, goes on to next level of competition

Spelling Bee

Tuesday, February 28th

Incorporating Technology

Test Whiz has not demonstrated the necessary confidentiality for teachers to access only scores that each needs to see. Will look into different web based technology, either AIMS WEB or Data Warehouse.

Advisory Groups

8th grade teachers are implementing the MAST program. Feedback is that the curriculum might be more appropriate for a targeted audience instead of full group. Might use a different program next year, perhaps Developmental Designs.

School Reorganization

Begin process of working with the MSBA to create a middle/high school. Colleen Shapiro and Mike Mackin are on the building committee. We are trying to determine the process for what type of building will best suit the needs of the district. Feb. 15th important budget discussion regarding 1.1 million dollar difference between town's version of school budget and school committee's

Budget Concerns

Next School Committee meeting, February 15th. Set to discuss \$1.2million shortfall